

## Basketballs Greatest Players Step Into Reading

*Describes how and why such men as Bill Russell, Wilt Chamberlain, and Larry Bird became great basketball players.*

*Learn the most up-to-date statistics along with information on all your favorite players in the newest edition of the bestselling *The Everything Kids' Basketball Book*, featuring great tips for mastering the game! Filled with updated information and stats, new player profiles, and dozens of fun games and activities, *The Everything Kids' Basketball Book, 5th Edition* shows kids everything they need to know about their favorite sport. They will learn all the rules of the game, the history of the sport, and discover new information about their favorite players and teams. Covering all aspects of the game, this book also features up-to-date records of the NBA, WNBA, NCAA, and Olympic basketball, highlighting the importance of teamwork and shows how to stay active and healthy playing the sport you love.*

*Young ball fans can now get the stats on the champions of the bat in this companion to the best-selling *Baseball's Greatest Pitchers*. Lively illustrations accompany fact-filled profiles of the legendary hitters of the game, including Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, and Ted Williams.*

*In his latest graphic novel, *Dragon Hoops*, New York Times bestselling author Gene Luen Yang turns the spotlight on his life, his family, and the high school where he teaches. Gene understands stories—comic book stories, in particular. Big action. Bigger thrills. And the hero always wins. But Gene doesn't get sports. As a kid, his friends called him "Stick" and every basketball game he played ended in pain. He lost interest in basketball long ago, but at the high school where he now teaches, it's all anyone can talk about. The men's varsity team, the Dragons, is having a phenomenal season that's been decades in the making. Each victory brings them closer to their ultimate goal: the California State Championships. Once Gene gets to know these young all-stars, he realizes that their story is just as thrilling as anything he's seen on a comic book page. He knows he has to follow this epic to its end. What he doesn't know yet is that this season is not only going to change the Dragons's lives, but his own life as well.*

*Presents the lives, playing statistics, and basketball careers of Patrick Ewing, Penny Hardaway, Grant Hill, and Stephen Marbury.*

*The Legend of Michael Jordan*

*A Search-And-Find Book*

*City Streets, Basketball Dreams*

*Eleven Rings*

*Basketball's Greatest Players*

*An Encyclopedia of the Modern Game*

*The Incredible Story of Kevin Durant - One of Basketball's Greatest Players*

A vibrant, unconventional, highly opinionated guide to the triumphs, joys, struggles, and heartbreaks of the modern era of the game, for every obsessive basketball fan who loves to watch the game. The Joy of Basketball celebrates the meteoric rise of basketball over the last quarter century by ignoring the bland, traditionalist binary of wins or losses. Instead, the book's focus is on the game itself. Using text, charts, and illustrations that upend conventional jock wisdom, the book details the most incredible players in history, draft flops, long-limbed oddballs, superteams, the talent wave, brawls, scandals, the rapid evolution of contemporary gameplay, coaching, fashion, crime, positional erosion, tragic tales, memes, and the sacred Kardashian Blessing. With witty graphics and keen sociopolitical observations, The Joy of Basketball is a subversive sports manifesto camouflaged as a colorful reference book for your coffee table.

From the NBA's most sought-after trainer and skills coach comes a "backstage pass to a part of the NBA that most fans never see" (Pete Thamel, Yahoo Sports)—how superstars like Kevin Durant, Derrick Rose, Russell Westbrook, and Kevin Love work to excel at the game. When Rob McClanaghan failed to make the Syracuse basketball team as a walk-on freshman, he asked the coaches what he needed to do to achieve his goal the following year. They all agreed: get stronger. So that's what he did. For months, Rob traded fraternity parties and hanging out for hours in the gym lifting weights and shooting baskets. He was single-minded; the only thing that mattered was defying the odds. He returned to Syracuse for his sophomore year, bigger, heavier and caught the coach's eye. In *Net Work*, McClanaghan's "experience, knowledge, and keen understanding of the sport jumps off the pages" (Bob Iger, CEO of the Walt Disney Company) and he delivers what he brings to each of his training sessions: the same grit and spirit that got him into the college game. He calls it "the grind," and he knows that without it, even the best players will come up short. McClanaghan pushes his clients hard; he does whatever he can to drive his players to the edge and to simulate fourth quarter, at-the-buzzer adrenaline. In *Net Work*, you get an access pass to the practice courts of the NBA, *Net Work* combines McClanaghan's hard-earned wisdom—both on and off the court—with rare glimpses into the dues-paying life of the players who are determined to stay at the top. McClanaghan shares stories of working one-on-one with some of basketball's greatest names, explaining how each athlete works to shore up his or her weaknesses; perfect his nutrition; treat injuries; build mental toughness; and find occasional refuge from the glare of the spotlight. This book is life inside the NBA as you've never seen it. Players differentiate themselves by their willingness to put in relentless "net work."

"Through candor and comprehensiveness, Jackson writes a convincing revisionist take, in which he emerges as an excellent coach . . . highly readable . . . reflects Jackson's polymathic nature." —New York Times Book Review "Part sports memoir, part New Age spirit quest, part pseudo-management tract . . . But the primary thing with Jackson—as with all the old bards, who were always repeating themselves—is the voice." —Sam Anderson, *The New York Times Magazine* A New York Times Bestseller The inside story of one of basketball's most legendary and game-changing coaches. During his storied career as head coach of the Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers, Phil Jackson won more championships than any coach in the history of professional sports. Even more important, he succeeded in never wavering from coaching his way, from a place of deep values. Jackson was tagged as the "Zen master" half in jest by sportswriters, but the nickname captured an important truth: this is a coach who inspired, not goaded; who led by awakening and challenging the better angels of his players' nature, not their egos, fear, or greed. This is the story of a coach who

preacher's kid from North Dakota who grew up to be one of the most innovative leaders of our time. In his quest to reinvent himself, Jackson explored everything from humanistic Native American philosophy to Zen meditation. In the process, he developed a new approach to leadership based on freedom, authenticity, and selfless teamwork that turned the world of professional sports on its head. In *Eleven Rings*, Jackson candidly describes how he:

- Learned the secrets of mindfulness and team chemistry while playing for the champion Knicks in the 1970s
- Managed Michael Jordan, the greatest player in the world, and got him to embrace selflessness, even if it meant losing a scoring title
- Forged successful teams by varying abilities by getting them to trust one another and perform in sync
- Inspired Dennis Rodman and other "uncoachable" personalities to devote themselves to something larger than themselves
- Transformed Kobe Bryant from a rebellious teenager into a mature leader of a championship team.

Eleven times, Jackson led his teams to the ultimate goal: the NBA championship. Three times with the Chicago Bulls and five times with the Los Angeles Lakers. We all know the legendary stars on those teams, or think we do. What *Eleven Rings* shows us, however, is that when it comes to the most important lessons, we don't know very much at all. This book is full of revelations: about fascinating personalities and their drive to win; about the wellsprings of motivation at the highest levels; and about what it takes to bring out the best in ourselves and others.

Learn all about basketball and how to become a better player in this entertaining and educational book full of fun puzzles and activities! The *Everything Kids' Basketball Book* teaches everything they need to know about basketball. With thirty puzzles and activities, they'll learn the rules of the game, the history of the sport, and everything about their favorite players. With up-to-date statistics and records of NBA, WNBA, NCAA, and Olympic basketball, this guide highlights the importance of teamwork and how kids can stay active and healthy. The *Everything Kids' Basketball Book* is a slam dunk!

Is Michael Jordan the greatest basketball player to step onto the court? Or can King James ascend to the NBA throne? Which was more valuable to the team, Shaq's power or Tim Duncan's defense? Who has the sweeter three-point stroke, Ray Allen or Stephen Curry? See how the players match up in this side-by-side look at basketball's stars. Produced in partnership with Sports Illustrated for KIDS.

Legends: the Best Players, Games, and Teams in Football  
Basketball

Michael Jordan, LeBron James, and More

Intelligent Basketball from A to Z

Four American Ghost Stories

Michael Jordan

**Find Bluey and Bingo in this search-and-find activity book! Have you seen Bluey and Bingo? There are lots of other hidden items, too, so join the fun in this search-and-find book!**

**Whose hands were so big he held the basketball like a grapefruit? Which center singlehandedly changed the way defense was played? From Wilt Chamberlain and Bill Russell to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Larry Bird and Michael Jordan, young hoops fans can read about eleven legendary players in this exciting look at basketball's greatest slam-dunking, hoop-hanging superstars.**

**In this fun top-ten book, readers will learn all about basketball's biggest stars! With exciting photos, interesting stats, and more, sports fans will find plenty to cheer about.**

**STUFF Good Players Should Know** may very well be the best book ever written for basketball players. It is conversational and easy to understand, yet filled with subtle insights into the game of basketball. **STUFF** is page after page of creative concepts, common sense, and special tips that can not be found anywhere else. ? How do you guard a stronger player? ? How do you set up a game-winning steal? ? How do you ?strip? a rebound? ? How do you score with a strong-handed dribble while going to the weak side? ? How do you practice shooting for maximum game effectiveness? ? How do you recognize defensive changes? **STUFF** is like having a coach right beside you, in your room, discussing the fine points of the games. How do you think in the minutes of the game? How do you react to mistakes? What is your attitude about fouls? Eating? Superstitions? Injuries? All this and more makes **STUFF** a book that players will find indispensable. Basketball fans will enjoy it, but players won't do

**The celebration of Washington D.C. basketball is long overdue. The D.C. metro area stands second to none in its contributions to the game.**

**Countless figures who have had a significant impact on the sport over the years have roots in the region, including E.B. Henderson, the first African-American certified to teach public school physical education, and Earl Lloyd, the first African-American to take the court in an actual NBA game. The city's Spingarn High School produced two players - Elgin Baylor and Dave Bing - recognized among the NBA's 50 greatest at the League's 50th anniversary celebration. No other high school in the country can make that claim. These figures and many others are chronicled in this book, the first-ever comprehensive look at the great high school players, teams and coaches in the D.C. metropolitan area. Based on more than 150 interviews, *The Capital of Basketball* is first and foremost a book about basketball. But in discussing the trends and evolution of the game, McNamara also uncovers the turmoil in the lives of the players and area residents as they dealt with prejudice, educational inequities, politics, and the ways the area has changed through the years.**

**The NBA According to the Sports Guy**

## **The Great Nowitzki: Basketball and the Meaning of Life**

### **Net Work**

### **The Inspiring Story of One of Basketball's Greatest Players**

### **Basketball's G.O.A.T.**

### **Training the NBA's Best and Finding the Keys to Greatness**

### **Boxed Out of the NBA**

An all-new Step 3 Step into Reading reader based on Space Jam: A New Legacy, starring LeBron James and the Looney Tunes--coming summer 2021! Basketball superstar LeBron James teams up with Bugs Bunny and the Looney Tunes for Space Jam: A New Legacy, the long-awaited reimagining of the original, beloved film. Boys and girls ages 5 to 7 will love this Step 3 Step into Reading leveled reader, which includes over 30 stickers. Step 3 readers feature engaging characters in easy-to-follow plots about popular topics. For children who are ready to read on their own.

An opinionated tour of the past, present, and future of pro basketball, written by ESPN's "Sports Guy" columnist, shares insights on everything from major NBA events and underrated players to how Hall of Famers should be selected.

Stephen Curry is known around the world as a basketball icon. This book looks at his beginnings as a basketball player and the years of effort that led to his career in the NBA playing for the Golden State Warriors.

From the editors of Sports Illustrated Kids comes The Big Book of Who: Basketball, a 128-page collection of basketball's brightest stars, past and present. Profiles, facts and stats will bring the best players in pro basketball history to life with all of the classic touches that Sports Illustrated Kids is famous for--terrific, age-appropriate writing and exciting sports photography. Court greats from LeBron James to Michael Jordan, Candace Parker to Allen Iverson, Shaq to Magic Johnson, will be profiled. Written in a fun question and answer format, kids will be able to stump their friends. The Big Book of Who: Basketball is a book young sports fans will return to again and again as a lively, exciting resource.

Offers highlights and entertaining facts from twenty of the greatest Super Bowls in the history of professional football.

The Everything Kids' Basketball Book, 5th Edition

Spooky & Spookier

Join the Team! (Space Jam: A New Legacy)

Kevin Durant

Dragon Hoops

Baseball's Greatest Hitters

The Soul of Success

Basketball's Greatest Players Random House Books for Young Readers

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Michael Jordan is indisputably basketball's greatest superstar. The Chicago Bulls legend left his mark on the game as a larger-than-life competitor who dazzled the world, pushed the boundaries of his sport, and never settled for anything less than the best. The Legend of Michael Jordan contains essential facts and stories all basketball fans should know, plus inspiring quotes and brilliant photos. Learn about MJ's early days growing up in North Carolina, his six NBA championships with the Bulls, the impact he had on fashion and pop culture, and how his unparalleled talent and work ethic inspired people around the world to "be like Mike."

"Provides instructional tips on how to improve one's basketball skills, including quotes and advice from professional coaches and athletes"--Provided by publisher.

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Legends in Sports

Stephen Curry: The Inspirational Story of One of the Greatest Basketball Players of All Time!

Stephen Curry Vs LeBron James

Who Is Better? the Children's Book; Awesome Illustrations - Fun, Inspirational and Motivational Stories of the Two Greatest Basketball Players in Hist

A Guide to Your Favorite Players and Teams—and Tips on Playing Like a Pro

Zion Williamson

On the Court with...LeBron James

KEVIN DURANT Kevin Durant is one of the NBA's best basketball players, and now is an NBA champion! What many don't know though is how Durant was able to rise to stardom. As a child he grew up in a poor family in a rough neighborhood, where they struggled to get by. Somehow though, he was able to overcome all odds and join the NBA's elite, and finally fulfil his dream of becoming an NBA champion! This book takes you step by step through Kevin Durant's

life and career to date. You will learn all about his childhood, his high school and college careers, and of course his time in the NBA. Further, you'll learn all about the obstacles and challenges that Durant has overcome time and time again on his way to success. The motivational story of Kevin Durant is one that we can all learn a lot from, and this book aims to educate you as best as possible on everything Durant! Here Is What You'll Learn About Inside... Durant's Curry's Early Life High School Career College Career Making The NBA Notable Career Moments Overcoming Obstacles What's Next For Durant Much, Much More!

Do You want to learn more about The Life of Stephen Curry while Being So Inspired? Do You want to know why he's so successful?! If the answer is yes....then, let me invite you in a beautiful journey: Welcome to The Life of Stephen Curry! One of today's most sought-after NBA superstars was once a young boy who was perceived as weak. Despite this negative impression, he has managed to rise from his simple life in North Carolina into becoming one of the sharpest shooters in the history of the NBA. Stephen Curry's journey into becoming one of NBA's legends has been tough and rocky. He might be the son of another NBA veteran yet his journey towards his dreams was not smooth-sailing. He also had his fair share of rejections and doubts - both from his own self and others. However, years of diligent practice helped him perfect his dazzling and surprising moves on the court. It allowed him to step up and lead his team, the Golden State Warriors, into numerous wins. This book would allow you to take a peek into Stephen Curry's personal life. Get to know the superstar better. Beyond the basketball accolades, the Baby-faced Assassin is a loving husband and father. He also has his own stories of fear, trials, and touching moments. With this book you'll learn: ✓Who is Stephen Curry ✓His Childhood Years ✓His Teenage Years ✓How he made The Dream Come True ✓His Married Life ✓His Off-The-Court Advocacies ✓His Philosophies and Beliefs ✓How He Went Beyond The Limelight Scroll to the top of the page and select the buy now button and be inspired now!

A journey into the mindset of a historic basketball superstar, and the importance of his landmark career. The seven-foot Dirk Nowitzki is one of the greatest players in basketball history. The Dallas Maverick's legend revolutionized the sport, redefining the role of the big man in the modern game. Dirk moved differently: flexible and fast, confident and in control. He thought differently, too. On the court, his shots were masterful—none more venerated than his signature one-legged flamingo fadeaway, a move that lives on in the repertoire of today's most skilled NBA players. How did this lanky kid from the German suburbs become an all-time top ten scorer and NBA champion? How can a superstar stay so humble? Award-winning novelist and sportswriter Thomas Pletzinger spent over seven years traveling with Nowitzki. He witnessed Dirk's summer workouts, involving fingertip pushups and the study of the physics, and spent days discussing literature and philosophy with Holger Geschwindner, Dirk's enigmatic mentor and coach. Watching Nowitzki in empty gyms and in packed arenas with 30,000 fans, Pletzinger began to understand how Dirk and Holger's philosophical insights on performance, creativity, and freedom enabled his success and longevity. The Great Nowitzki tells Dirk's dramatic story like never before. Pletzinger describes Dirk's youth in small-town Germany, follows the steep learning curve of Dirk's early seasons, the devastating Finals loss to the Miami Heat, and the triumphant championship five years later. Traveling with Dirk in his final seasons, Pletzinger immerses himself in the community of people impacted by Nowitzki's game, interviewing everyone from average fans in Dallas and security guards at the arena to front office executives and Hall of Fame teammates, who reflect on what Dirk's career means to the next generation of ballplayers. And to the game itself. A masterpiece of sports writing that reads like a novel, The Great Nowitzki brims with a fan's passion. Pletzinger shows how strongly basketball influences our imagination and the extraordinary journey an icon like Dirk Nowitzki must take to reach the pinnacle of the game.

Get on the court with basketball superstar LeBron James in this in-depth, updated biography! LeBron James was a sensation in his early days playing ball in Akron, Ohio, and he continued to amaze as a high school phenomenon. Now an international icon and the heart of his hometown Cleveland Cavaliers, he is widely known as one of the greatest basketball players ever to step onto the court. Discover LeBron James's incredible story in this in-depth biography of one of basketball's brightest stars. The book takes readers on the court through suspenseful accounts of pivotal games, paints a picture of LeBron's on- and off-court triumphs and challenges, and includes bonus stats, career highlights, and photographs.

Dreaming of a college scholarship and escape from the neighborhood, the talented Abraham Lincoln High School Railsplitters see basketball as their only hope, but the reality of SATS, the NCAA, and college recruitment are tough to overcome.

The Everything Kids' Basketball Book

Comparing Pro Basketball's Greatest Players

Lebron James #23: The Boy Who Would Grow Up to Be: NBA Basketball Player Children's Book

The Children's Book: The Boy Who Never Gave Up

The Book of Basketball

Big Book of WHO Basketball

Stuff Good Players Should Know

Illus. in full color. Here is the gripping story of Hillary and Norgay's perilous ascent of Mount Everest as they battled snow and ice slides, whipping winds, and the grim knowledge that 19 others had died in the same attempt.

Are you a fan of Stephen Curry? Are you a fan of LeBron James? Who is really better? Get this awesome illustration children book and learn who is better between Stephen Curry and LeBron James!

"Traces the life of one of the most legendary basketball players in the history of the sport, drawing upon interviews with Jordan's friends, family, and teammates, and following his career from college to the NBA."--Provide by publisher.

The Boy Who Never Gave Up is the inspiring true story of NBA superstar Stephen Curry. This Fully illustrated picture book biography tells the story of a young boy who many said was too short to play in high school, too weak to play in college and not good enough to play in the NBA. Against all odds, this small boy who follows his dream, not only makes it to the NBA, but becomes one of the greatest players to ever play the game of basketball. Children's/Kids Picture Book Biography K-3 Be sure to check out the new release: NFL All Stars 2017: Coloring and Activity Book for Adults and Kids featuring 30+ of today's hottest stars including Ezekiel Elliott, Tom Brady, Julio Jones, Aaron Rodgers, Russell Wilson and so many more!

American history mixes with legend in four classic ghost tales for Step 4 early readers: a Cape Cod ghost horse that leads ships away from danger; a portrait that protests being moved within Virginia's Shirley Plantation museum; a Colorado miner who continued to look for love even after his bones were dumped down an outhouse hole; and a one-handed California sea captain whose ghost is still said to prowl Stinson Beach. Step 4 Readers use challenging vocabulary and short paragraphs to tell exciting stories. For newly independent readers who read simple sentences with confidence.

The all-time greats, legendary teams, today's superstars—and tips on playing like a pro

Get in the Game! (Space Jam: A New Legacy)

Biographies For Beginning Readers

Stephen Curry

The Last Shot

Where's Bluey?

A History of DC Area High School Hoops

This book tells the story of the Eastern Professional Basketball League, a pro basketball institution for over 30 years. The league featured top players who just couldn't make the NBA--many because of scandals or because of unofficial quotas on Black players--with games played in tiny gyms across the northeast.

Here are the best of the best, from legends like LeBron James and Chris Paul to rising stars like Giannis Antetokounmpo and James Harden. This lively book features illustrated profiles of some twenty-eight of the greatest players on the court--point guards, shooting guards, small forwards, power forwards, and centers. Stars of the NBA is filled with action-packed photos and colorful graphics, showing what it takes to be at the top of the game.

This is a book about how a simple boy born in Akron Ohio became NBA basketball superstar LeBron James. LeBron James has been a King on the basketball court since high school. But life wasn't always so rich for King James. Life started out hard for LeBron he was once a little boy born to a poor single mother. It was a real struggle before LeBron found a stable home where he could attend school regularly, wear nice clothes and eat a proper meals. One day a coach saw LeBron playing with his friends and asked the boys to race. It was that day that LeBron discovered his athletic talent that eventually led into him becoming one of the greatest high school phenoms in the world of sports. LeBron became a pro basketball player right after graduating high school and has been "King James" ever since. But even as a pro LeBron faced more adversity learning how to win before becoming a champion.

This Beautifully illustrated rhyming children's book will inspire, entertain and bring joy to little boys, girls and parents with every read. In this book children will learn: -How to overcome adversity -How to never give up even when things look bleak -The importance of being an unselfish person and caring about others -The importance of practice, patience and discipline -That its not how you start off in life but how you finish

Learning and teaching basketball skills and tactics can be challenging. Executing them in competition can be troubling. Mastering them can be a career-long quest. Is it possible that a single book can provide all the instruction you need to conquer these basketball roadblocks? First you must know exactly how the skill or tactic is properly performed. Check! Then you need to attempt it again and again, with corrective advice through those trials until you get it right. Check! Next comes practice. Lots of practice, with drills designed to make performance of the skill or tactic efficient and effective. Check! In Basketball: Steps to Success, Coach Hal Wissel covers the entire progression of technical and tactical development needed to become a complete player. From essential footwork to key principles of defense, this guide details the skills and tactics needed to excel in today's game. Shooting off the catch and creating shots off the dribble, running two- and three-player offensive plays, and many more topics in the book will prepare players to succeed in every situation on the court.

Zion Williamson is an amazing and popular professional NBA basketball player. But before Zion accomplished his dream of being a famous basketball player for an NBA team. He was just a regular kid growing up with his family in North Carolina. This is the story of that young boy who showed what it takes to make a dream a reality and accomplish a huge goal. This level 4 reader is perfect for Kids age 9-12 years old to read on their own or the even younger basketball fan to read along with their mom or dad. Beautiful cartoon illustrations, full color written in a rhyhming style.

The Joy of Basketball

Steps to Success

Great Women Athletes

Hoop Heroes

Play Basketball Like a Pro

Stars of the NBA

Remembering the Eastern Professional Basketball League

*Don't miss this action-packed and informative look at the life and achievements of a basketball legend! Matt Christopher, the number one sports writer for kids, profiles basketball superstar Michael Jordan, covering his childhood, college career, rookie years, professional career highlights, and even his short stint in minor league baseball. Written in Matt Christopher's easy-to-read style and complete with incredible photos and Michael Jordan's key stats, this comprehensive biography will entertain and educate.*

*Side-by-Side Basketball Stars*

*From Ty Cobb to Miguel Cabrera  
To the Top!  
The Capital of Basketball  
Key Skills and Tips*